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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BOYCOTTING COUNTRIES,
FOR PURPOSES OF TAX REFORM ACT

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1. GOS INITIATED PARTIAL TRADE BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA IN 1965 BY GOS DECREE WHICH PROHIBITS QUOTE THE IMPORTATION INTO SINGAPORE OF ALL GOODS ORIGINATING IN OR MANUFACTURED WHOLLY OR MAINLY IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA OR ANY TERRITORY ADMINISTERED BY THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA CONSIGNED FROM ANY COUNTRY END QUOTE. HOWEVER, THE GOS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PROHIBIT EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THIS PROHIBITION ALSO DOES NOT PRECLUDE GOODS FROM A THIRD COUNTRY TRANSITING SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE BEING IMPORTED INTO SINGAPORE (COPY OF PROHIBITION ORDER BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT).

2. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 5 REFTTEL, SINGAPORE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT IMPOSE ANY CONDITIONS OR PENALTIES ON FOREIGN
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CONCERNS IN SINGAPORE WHICH DO BUSINESS WITH SOUTH AFRICA OR

ARE INVOLVED IN OTHER ACTIVITIES NOTED PARA 3 REFTEL. BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA INVOLVES ONLY RESTRICTIONS ON THE PHYSICAL IMPORTATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS INTO SINGAPORE, AND, THEREFORE, APPEARS TO COME UNDER THE EXCEPTION MENTIONED PARA 4 (B) REFTEL.

3. ORIGIN OF THE EMBARGO OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. ACCORDING TO A GOS OFFICIAL, THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS ORDER WAS MADE IN 1965, WHILE SINGAPORE WAS STILL PART OF THE FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA, PRIMARILY TO SATISFY THE WISHES OF TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AND TO MORE CLOSELY ALIGN THE POLICIES OF SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

4. ONLY OTHER BOYCOTT BY SINGAPORE IS PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO RHODESIA, WHICH ALSO COMMENCED IN 1965.
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